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Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award

Eliza Mae Masterson Whatley (1905-1996) was a native of Knoxville, TN, and a graduate of Maryville College. A lifelong educator, Mae came to Athens with her husband, James W. ("Big Jim") Whatley, longtime UGA head baseball coach. Mae served as a teacher at Childs Street School, as principal at Alps Rd. ES, and as the director of personnel for the school district. The Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award was endowed by her husband in 1997 at a level to supply a \$750 monetary amount to the teacher selected by the Clarke County School District as Teacher of the Year. In 2014 the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Excellence added to the endowment to fund the award annually at \$1000.